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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Redford B. Williams, Jr. Group Art Unit: 1641
Serial No.: 09/698,870
Filed: October 27, 2000
For: *USE OF POLYMORPHISM OF THE SEROTONIN TRANSPORTER
GENE PROMOTER AS A PREDICTOR OF DISEASE RISK*

April 26, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

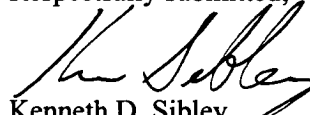
This is in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed March 27, 2002.

Applicant hereby elects infectious disease, and particularly infectious disease that is influenza virus, for substantive examination.

This election is made on the understanding that, upon the finding of an allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is found.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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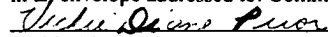


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